

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 14, 1999
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman	Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster, Mesa
Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma, Avondale	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Phillip Hubbard for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer,
*Kerry Dudek, Cave Creek	Queen Creek
Lloyd Harrell, Chandler	David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
*Maggie Reese, El Mirage	Indian Community
*Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	Peggy Carpenter for Dick Bowers, Scottsdale
Gila Bend: Carl Stephani	Dick McComb, Surprise
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Jim Huling for Gary Brown, Tempe
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Amy Rudibaugh for Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
*Luis Gonzales, Guadalupe	Mary Peters, ADOT
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa Co
	Ken Driggs, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Adam, Mesa	Jeff Martin, Mesa
Cari Anderson, MAG	Karen Mills, ADOT
Eric Anderson, MAG	Marty Nanna, El Mirage
Dianne Barker, Citizen	Norris Nordvold, Phoenix
James M. Bourey, MAG	Chris Plumb, MCDOT
Dawn Coomer, MAG	Art Rullo, MAG
Corey Cox, MAG	Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Jim Creedon, Landry & Associates	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Blue Crowley, Citizen	Dennis Smith, MAG
Valerie Day, MAG	Kelly Taft, MAG
Chuck Eaton, ADOT	Lisa Takata, Phoenix
Barbara Goldberg, Steptoe & Johnson	Gordon Tyus, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Rita Walton, MAG
Sarath Joshua, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG
Debbie Kohn, Avondale	Shauna Warner, Tempe
Patrice Kraus, Chandler	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman Fairbanks introduced proxies Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma from Avondale, Amy Rudibaugh for Martin Vanacour from Glendale, Tom Buick for David Smith from Maricopa County, Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster from Mesa, Phillip Hubbard for Terry Ellis from Peoria, Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer from Queen Creek, and Jim Huling for Gary Brown from Tempe.

2. Approval of June 9, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Fred Carpenter moved, Lloyd Harrell seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 9, 1999 Management Committee meeting.

Chairman Fairbanks announced that for agenda item #12, Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the action has been modified to include amending the Transportation Improvement Program to include three federal discretionary projects. For agenda item #15, Update on Governor's Growing Smarter Commission, the action has been modified to allow for possible action. He noted that the addenda for these agenda items were at each place. Chairman Fairbanks stated that the addenda met the posting requirements.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Fairbanks stated that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations. He noted that public comments have a 3 minute time limit. When 2 minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have 1 minute to sum up. At the end of the 3 minute time period, the red light will come on. He stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who commented on voting registration information appearing on buses. She stated that supplying this information on buses is a positive step. She commented on increasing public meeting notifications on buses. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on increasing cooperation between government agencies. Mr. Crowley stated that roadways need to be adapted to work with bikeways. Mr. Crowley stated that MAG's and Phoenix's surveys should be linked. He encouraged involvement of the Indian communities in decision-making. Mr. Crowley stated a COG is needed for rural Maricopa County transportation needs. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Fairbanks stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. After hearing public comment, any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Fairbanks noted that agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8 were on the consent agenda. Chairman Fairbanks asked if there was any discussion. He indicated that no public comment cards on the consent agenda items had been turned in.

Chairman Fairbanks asked for a motion to recommend approval. Kent Cooper moved, Ken Driggs seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8.

5. Red Letter Notifications

The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. The process calls for Red Letter notifications (received by MAG from ADOT) to be placed on the consent agendas of the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee and the Regional Council for information and discussion. ADOT has forwarded two notifications which impact the Regional Freeway System.

6. MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended acceptance of the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update. Federal regulations require considering results of six management systems and Title VI in programming projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Maricopa Association of Governments annually updates its TIP by adding a new fifth year to the program. The MAG Transportation Management System Report: FY 2000 Update has been prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use during selection of projects to be included in the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. It includes results of six management systems as well as socioeconomic factors.

7. Consultant Selection for MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended selecting the consultant firm Kimley-Horn & Associates to develop the MAG ITS Strategic Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a \$250,000 project to update the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the MAG region. A number of key ITS developments at the national and local levels have made this update a high priority need for the region. At the national level, the National ITS Architecture has been defined and all future federally funded ITS projects must meet architectural consistency requirements. In 1996, Phoenix was chosen by USDOT as one of four ITS Model Deployment Initiative (MDI) sites in the nation. This has resulted in an acceleration of ITS technology implementation in the region. The execution of this project will result in a roadmap for ITS implementation in the MAG region over the next 20 years. Recommendations in the Strategic Plan will be compatible with established regional transportation goals, objectives and policies. On May 9, 1999, a Request for Proposals was advertised. Two proposals were received. These proposals were from Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc. On June 30, 1999, a consultant evaluation panel interviewed both firms and recommended selecting Kimley-Horn & Associates to conduct the study.

8. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the closeout of the MAG FY 1999 federally funded program. The Work Links project was recommended for addition to the FY 1999 of the MAG 1999-2003 TIP. In addition, the advance purchase of buses was also approved, subject to the availability of funding. MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93), and has found the project to be exempt under that rule. This finding is being transmitted for consultation purposes to the agencies and other interested parties. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 28, 1999.

4. Executive Director's Report

This agenda item was taken out of order.

James M. Bourey stated that MAG will host the fourth Y2K Forum on July 30, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the MAG office. He indicated that the Forum will focus on the banking industry and the region's 911 emergency system. Mr. Bourey stated that an evaluation of the preparedness drill recently held by the City of Phoenix will also be given.

Mr. Bourey stated that brochures of the June 23, 1999 Annual Desert Peaks Awards are being sent out.

Mr. Bourey announced that Art Rullo, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, had passed the third of five parts of the GFOA exam.

Mr. Bourey stated that applications are due on July 15 for the Transportation and Community System Preservation Project.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions or comments.

9. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that reports from 16 of the collaborative groups and 9 subcommittees were developed and pulled into a framework by the Valley Vision 2025 consultant, Collaborative Economics. Mr. Bourey stated that the nine subcommittees refined the draft goals. A meeting of the subcommittee chairs and the Committee co-chairs is scheduled for the upcoming week to review these draft goals. The full Committee will then review the draft at their meeting on August 4, 1999. After review by the full Committee, the draft will then be presented at six forums in the region for public comment.

Mr. Bourey remarked that work is continuing on a revised budget. He indicated that a meeting with the business community led to a follow up meeting with the Chair of the Greater Phoenix Leadership, Quentin Smith. Mr. Bourey stated that the Greater Phoenix Leadership is considering their involvement with Valley Vision 2025. Mr. Bourey commented that discussions regarding sponsorship of the business community are ongoing. Mr. Bourey noted that the continued involvement of the collaboratives to provide input is an important component of the final Vision. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

10. CANAMEX Corridor Update

Mr. Bourey stated that the CANAMEX Corridor is designated by federal law to run from Nogales, Arizona, to the Canadian Border. He noted that the route through our region has not yet been determined. Mr. Bourey indicated that a joint study by MAG and ADOT to determine a route through Maricopa County is proposed for recommendation by the Management Committee.

Mary Peters stated that funding is available for the CANAMEX route and it is important to designate a route in order to be eligible for this funding.

Karen Mills, Project Manager for ADOT, gave a presentation on the proposed MAG/ADOT joint study. Ms. Mills showed a map of the CANAMEX corridor from Alberta, Canada to Nogales, Mexico. She summarized federal regulations and project funding resources made available by TEA-21 funding. Ms. Mills stated that, although funding is limited, Arizona has received \$58 million in federal funds since the passage of TEA-21. Ms. Mills summarized the corridor study process. She stated that Arizona, Nevada,

Utah, Montana, and possibly Idaho would participate in a multi-state CANAMEX corridor study. She estimated the timeline for the study would be approximately 18-24 months. She noted that the joint corridor study will coordinate with the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force. Efforts to increase economic development are considerations of the Task Force. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey, Ms. Peters, and Ms. Mills for their reports and asked if there were any questions.

Dick McComb asked if there are any proposed routes being considered. Ms. Mills replied that a person from Maricopa County had previously done some work on alternatives for the route. Mr. McComb asked if cities impacted by the route would be represented in the study process. Mr. Bourey replied that adequate participation would be assured.

Amy Rudibaugh stated that the City of Glendale welcomes the opportunity for input on the study and that the west valley requests consideration for alignment of the corridor in the western portion of the region.

Mike Hutchinson asked if the CANAMEX Corridor Study Committee has a MAG representative. Ms. Mills replied that, although there is not presently a MAG representative on the Committee representation may be advisable. She indicated that she would discuss MAG representation with the Governor's office. Mr. Hutchinson requested frequent updates of the study.

Lloyd Harrell moved, Mary Peters seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approving a joint study with ADOT on the CANAMEX corridor.

11. Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Summary

Dawn Coomer stated that MAG sponsored a Regional Transportation Stakeholders meeting on June 8, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain initial input on updating the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Coomer stated that representatives from MAG, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro, and several community groups attended and provided input on important needs and issues to consider in updating the Policy Guidelines for Programming Regional Transportation Funds adopted by the MAG Regional Council on December 9, 1998. Ms. Coomer commented that these updated guidelines are considered as a separate Management Committee agenda item.

Ms. Coomer gave a presentation that included a flow chart showing the multi-modal regional planning process used to develop the Long Range Plan and short term priorities in the TIP. She summarized the stakeholder meeting input in the areas of regional planning, transit, freeways, ITS, teleconferencing, safety, human services, and air quality. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Ms. Coomer for her report and asked if there were any questions.

12. Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Chairman Fairbanks stated that the action for agenda item #12, Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, was modified to include amending the Transportation Improvement Program to include three federal discretionary projects.

Paul Ward stated that this was the final opportunity for the Management Committee to address the closeout of the MAG Federally funded program. He reported that federally funded projects are usually

programmed in the TIP up to 5 years before they are due to be obligated. However, with the passage of TEA-21 in June of last year, an additional \$12 million in Air Quality funds were made available for the current fiscal year. The process to program those funds was completed when the Regional Council approved the Preliminary Closeout of the FY 1999 MAG Federally funded program on March 24, 1999, which effectively left only 5 months remaining to obligate the funds. Mr. Ward explained that, due to the unusual circumstances, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC), at their meeting on May 25, 1999, recommended two requests for carry forward to FY 2000, the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million) and three dust control projects in Surprise (\$280,000).

At the June 22, 1999 TRC meeting, the closeout showed approximately \$25 million remaining in unobligated projects, for which funds are available, and approximately \$470,000 in uncommitted Obligation Authority (OA). No additional projects had been requested for carry forward at that time. The TRC recommended that the remaining uncommitted OA should be utilized on the Maricopa County Work Links project, together with any redistributed or additional OA that may become available, up to the \$750,000 federal share of the project cost. Any additional unutilized OA should be targeted to accelerate RPTA transit vehicles from future years. Mr. Ward noted that an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP is necessary in order to proceed with the Work Links project. Mr. Ward explained the table summarizing the status of the FY 1999 closeout. Mr. Ward also stated that Maricopa County had received additional Section 3037 TEA-21 funds for their expanded Work Links project, which also required a TIP amendment in order to proceed. Mr. Ward requested that any comments regarding the air quality exempt status of either part of the Maricopa County Work Links project should be forwarded to MAG staff by July 28, 1999.

Mr. Ward stated that it is being recommended to carry forward the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million, CMAQ) and three dust control projects in Surprise (\$285,900, CMAQ) to Federal FY 2000; addition of the Job Access and Reverse Commute project (up to \$150,000 Section 3037 funds) and the Maricopa County Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program (up to \$750,000, CMAQ/ STP-MAG and up to \$1,000,000 Section 3037 funds) to FY 1999; and authorize an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Job Access and Reverse Commute; Maricopa County Work Links; and the Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program in FY 1999 and the use of any unutilized OA (after full FY 1999 funding of the Work Links program up to \$750,000 STP/CMAQ) to accelerate the purchase of RPTA transit vehicles from future years. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Ward for his report and asked for discussion.

Jim Huling stated that due to a backlog at the State Historic Preservation Office, the Tempe Apache Boulevard pedestrian lighting project for \$707,250 of CMAQ funds was not likely to be authorized this year. Mr. Huling asked if it were possible for the project to still be carried forward. Mr. Ward replied that, although the request had not been considered by the TRC, the project could still be carried forward to FY 2000. Tom Buick requested that the AzTech Data Server project for \$471,500 be included in the request for carry forward to federal FY 2000. Mr. Ward replied that, similar to the Tempe project, it could also be added.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on the public input timeline. He stated that major employers in the region should participate in the trip reduction program. Mr. Crowley commented on dedicated funding for light rail. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Jim Huling moved to recommend approval to carry forward the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million, CMAQ); three dust control projects in Surprise (\$285,900, CMAQ); the Tempe

Apache Boulevard pedestrian lighting project (\$707,250, CMAQ); and the Maricopa County Upgrade AzTech Data Server project (\$471,500, CMAQ) to Federal FY 2000; add the Job Access and Reverse Commute project (up to \$150,000, Section 3037 funds) and the Maricopa County Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program (up to \$750,000, CMAQ/ STP-MAG and up to \$1,000,000, Section 3037 funds) to FY 1999; and to authorize an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Job Access and Reverse Commute; Maricopa County Work Links; and the Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program in FY 1999 and the use of any unutilized OA (after full FY 1999 funding of the Work Links program) to accelerate the purchase of RPTA transit vehicles from future years. Tom Buick seconded. Before a vote was taken, Chairman Fairbanks asked Ms. Peters if ADOT had any concerns. Ms. Peters replied that she had confirmed with Mr. Ward that OA was not likely to be jeopardized and consequently that ADOT had no concerns. The motion was unanimously carried.

13. Transportation Funding Guidelines

Terry Johnson stated that the Regional Council approved guidelines for the programming of regional transportation projects in December 1998. Mr. Johnson displayed a timeline to develop the 2001-2005 Transportation Program, which is now underway. He stated that revisions to the transportation funding guidelines, received through the outreach process, were developed. Mr. Johnson displayed slides summarizing the proposed updated guidelines. He stated additional points added to the updated guidelines could include improving the existing freeway system to reduce congestion by adding lanes and enhancing interchanges; supporting alternative fueled vehicles; supporting the Maricopa County brokerage system to meet the transportation needs of welfare recipients; and adding a new category supporting transportation safety by supporting a freeway service patrol program to respond to emergency conditions along freeways and supporting education campaigns to improve safety in road work areas. On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the updated guidelines, but did not take action, due to the previous guidelines being approved within the last six months. The consensus of the TRC was that the existing guidelines should be reviewed from a more comprehensive perspective to better focus the application of MAG federal funds and that this comprehensive review and update could not be completed by the end of July for use in the upcoming program cycle. He indicated that there is urgency to move forward to ensure the guidelines are in place at the beginning of the transportation planning process. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Johnson for his report and asked for discussion.

Lloyd Harrell stated that, procedurally, the Management Committee should follow the recommendation of the TRC to keep the existing guidelines, unless a pressing need could be articulated by staff. Mr. Johnson stated that the updated guidelines were received through the public outreach process. He indicated that action needs to be taken this month as we move into this cycle. Projects must be submitted in order for evaluation, which begins at the end of September. Mr. Huling asked if the existing guidelines would continue to be in place. Mr. Johnson replied that our policy states that the guidelines must be addressed each year.

Ms. Peters moved that the existing guidelines be reaffirmed for this cycle and remanded to the TRC for further review and revision. Phillip Hubbard seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on the outreach process. Mr. Crowley stated that the guidelines state that "improved transit was the highest funding priority for stakeholders and focus groups," and it should be given priority, not roadways. He commented on improving transit to outlying areas, a tunnel under I-17, and increasing multi-modalism. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Fairbanks indicated that he would vote against the motion. He noted that he is in favor of support for alternative fuel vehicles. He indicated that the City of Phoenix has invested a lot of money on refueling sites. Chairman Fairbanks suggested that a regional plan for coordination on fuel sites might solve problems. He indicated that the new safety guidelines are also important considerations.

The motion passed, with Chairman Fairbanks voting No.

14. Report on Presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force on Regional Transportation Funding Needs

Mr. Bourey stated that on July 8, MAG staff gave a presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, Definition of Needs, Resources and Revenue Committee. This presentation provided an overview of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and potential funding needs and included information on projections, planning process, technical planning analyses, overview of adopted plans, a vision of transportation needs beyond the plan and funding needs. The presentation focused on funding needs to complete the plan and additional funding needs beyond the plan. Mr. Bourey noted that a packet of the presentation materials is available by request. Mr. Bourey displayed a bar chart that showed current available long range plan funding and the funding deficit. He commented that \$9.4 billion is needed for necessary projects, and the number could easily double if projects beyond the immediate need were included. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Stephen Cleveland asked about the goals of the Task Force. Mr. Bourey replied that the result of the Task Force studies is to arrive at a 20-year plan and funding mechanisms to support the plan.

15. Update on Governor's Growing Smarter Commission

As a part of last year's adopted Growing Smarter legislation, Governor Hull appointed more than 100 individuals to 8 subcommittees to make recommendations on growth issues. Recommendations are included in four categories: a framework for making planning decisions, implementation tools to manage growth, techniques for integrating open space into our developed environments and tools to encourage development in rural areas.

Mr. Bourey stated that recommendations to the Growing Smarter Commission is on a very short time frame. He indicated that input is due by July 30, 1999. The draft report is being circulated at a series of open houses throughout the State for public comment, and will be forwarded to the Legislature in September. Mr. Bourey indicated that the Management Committee would consider the potential impact of these provisions and recommendations. He said the recommendations could be presented to the Regional Council for possible action at their meeting on July 28, 1999. Mr. Bourey announced to the members that a member agency meeting will be scheduled for next week.

Corey Cox stated that Growing Smarter contains 38 policies. Ms. Cox commented that some of the policies would be advantageous to member agencies, but some are detrimental and some require further study. She stated that the differences between urban and rural areas should be considered in the adoption process. Ms. Cox stated that MAG staff recommends the state planning goals, incentives to support goals, additional revenue policies, infill incentives, historic and cultural preservation, increased planning funding, regulation of lot splits, improved regional coordination, and monitoring and evaluation of the new policies. Ms. Cox stated that unbalanced policy language has resulted in staff recommendation to oppose additional protection for private property rights, changes to citizen participation in growth management decisions, and authorization of county communities facilities districts. Ms. Cox mentioned that staff recommends

further study be given to state trust land exchanges, contributory value, Arizona Preserve Initiative revisions, voluntary growth boundaries, assistance for rural development, examination of the tax policy, standardized development fees, authorization of county development agreements and overlay zones, and protected development rights statute. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Bourey and Ms. Cox for their reports and asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Peters expressed concern with moving forward on some of the recommendations, especially in funding. She indicated that more information is needed on the designation of open space preservation easements. Ms. Peters stated that caution needs to be exercised in designation of corridors, infill incentives and private property protection statutes. She indicated that takings analysis could be challenged in court. Chairman Fairbanks asked for clarification of ADOT's position. Ms. Peters replied that ADOT would consult with right of way attorneys before taking a position. Chairman Fairbanks commented that we may lose our opportunity to get our recommendations in the policies if action is not taken now.

Mr. Huling commented that a stakeholder group of MAG member agency representatives be formed to meet as early as the following week to decide on recommendations. These recommendations could be presented to the Regional Council at their meeting on July 28, 1999. Mr. Harrell requested clarification of the stakeholder meeting. Mr. Bourey replied that attendance by the Management Committee members at the upcoming stakeholder meeting may serve as a vehicle to decide recommendations. Ms. Cox mentioned that a meeting was scheduled with planning departments. Chairman Fairbanks commented that we may need a broader representation beyond the planning departments, especially in the transportation and management areas. Mr. Bourey requested that members designate a representative to become involved in the recommendation process. Phillip Hubbard indicated that we need to make our views known. Chairman Fairbanks expressed concern that some provisions could cause more growth. He indicated that a proposal be prepared reflecting the needs and wants of our communities.

Tom Buick expressed appreciation for the analysis of recommendations. He stated that the County was not involved in the report and should be involved in the process. He stated he would serve on the stakeholder group. Mr. Harrell stated that it is essential to go on record in support of the provisions we feel are helpful and change those that are detrimental. Mr. Harrell expressed appreciation for MAG staff's efforts on the recommendations.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that pro-developer means pro-sprawl. He commented that citizens have a right to breathe. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Lloyd Harrell moved to have MAG hold a stakeholder meeting of MAG member agencies to review the Growing Smarter report and make recommendations to the Regional Council for possible action on the recommendations to the Growing Smarter Commission. Jim Huling seconded. The motion carried with Phillip Hubbard not voting.

16. MAG Videoconferencing Forum

As part of its Teleconferencing and Telecommunications Program, MAG is undertaking a videoconferencing study to define a region-wide videoconferencing system that will link MAG with all its member agencies. The objective of the forum is to enable public agencies and private sector companies throughout Arizona who are currently using videoconferencing technology to provide input and possible guidance. Some of the agencies expressing an interest in participating in the forum are: the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Maricopa Community Colleges District, Arizona State University, the

University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, the Arizona Department of Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Public Service, Honeywell, Kinkos and Salt River Project.

Harry Wolfe stated that an information sheet on the upcoming videoconferencing forum was at each place. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Forum time and place have been changed from the information stated in the agenda. He said that the Forum will be held at ASU with a video link to UofA on Monday, August 9, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. All MAG member agencies are invited to attend and will have an opportunity to question forum participants. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Wolfe for his report and asked if there were any questions.

17. Resolution Honoring Ernest W. Kleinschmidt

At the June Management Committee meeting the members discussed the recent passing of Ernest "Ernie" W. Kleinschmidt, former manager of the City of Goodyear and Chairman of the Management Committee. The consensus of the Management Committee was to have the staff prepare a resolution honoring Ernie and his contributions to the city management profession.

Stephen Cleveland expressed appreciation for this agenda item. He stated that it was a pleasure to have worked with Ernie Kleinschmidt. Mr. Cleveland commented that Mr. Kleinschmidt was a great mentor and facilitator. Mr. Cleveland requested that the resolution be mounted on a plaque for presentation to Mr. Kleinschmidt's family.

Ralph Velez moved, Stephen Cleveland seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve a resolution honoring the contributions of Ernest W. Kleinschmidt, former Manager of Goodyear and Chairman of the MAG Management Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary